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Lori Foran, former Business Manager for the Student Association of George Brown College, known as 'The lady who cuts the cheques has left the SA effective November 16, 2001. Lori started her career in the SA as an elected representative. She was always the first to volunteer at events and often took on personalities during her performances (Lola is pictured here).



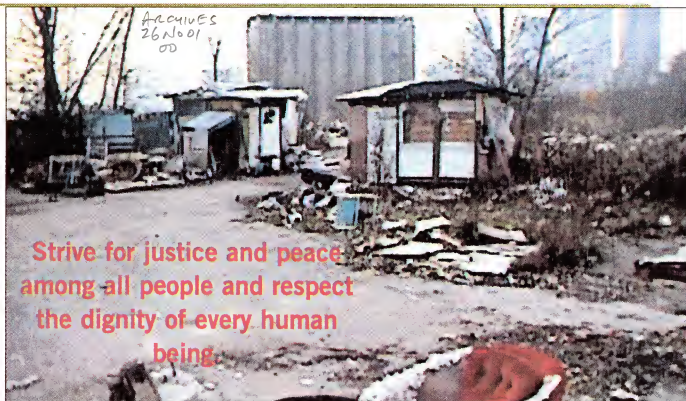
Celebrations. There is always lots to celebrate when holidays are just around the corner. Nancy Lim checks out the religious and community holidays from around the world.



Cassa Loma Campus gets a new V-P Bruce Kirkpatrick has been appointed Vice-President of Cassa Loma campus for the Student Association replacing Nikki McAlister who resigned last month.



More Varsity Sports. Dave MacDonald fills us in on who's hot and the others who just tried their hardest.



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Giving Peace a Chance

by Caragh Thitherington

Since September 11th, many governments and their citizens have been demanding that the perpetrators of the attack on the United States be brought to justice. The justice which they speak of includes taking whatever means necessary to apprehend and punish the culprits. For a moment let's ignore the American foreign policies which have generated such a hatred of their country. Let us instead look at how the current actions of the U.S. and Canada are fulfilling their goal to bring justice to those responsible.

In a supposed attempt to eliminate terrorism, the U.S. and Canada are bombing the citizens and infrastructure of other countries. They are committing vicious attacks on the people of Afghanistan, and injecting fear into their hearts. Is this war not also terrorism? How can an act of vio-



including Educators for Peace and Justice, the Steel Workers Union, U of T Students Against Racism and a collection of people from George Brown College. At the beginning of the rally, several speeches were made, including one by Marilyn Churley, an NDP MPP. Ms. Churley spoke of the lunacy of our governments spending millions of extra dollars on military actions in Afghanistan when prior to September 11, 2001 these same governments were claiming not to have enough money to properly fund health care, education, and social programs.

Another point of contention brought to light by the rally on Saturday is explained as follows. When an individual commits a brutal crime on another person, such as murder, society expects that the family of the victim would be angry and distraught. We understand when they call for the perpetrator to be punished and killed. It is easy for those so close to a tragedy to be engulfed by their pain and want brutal revenge. However, as a society we do not endorse vigilantism. Instead we give the responsibility of apprehending and punishing criminals to more objective parties like the police and the courts. On September 11, the American "family" was affected by a tragedy. People were filled with pain and

anger over their loss. They called for justice, and retribution. These are valid emotions and sentiments for a "family" in the midst of anguish. But they are not a good basis for conducting justice. The American and Canadian governments have ignored their own ideals and have set forth on a vigilante mission, instead of handing over the investigation, apprehension and arbitration to a more objective party, such as the United Nations which has tribunals set up for just such purposes.

Many participants of the peace rally were also calling for the American government to review their foreign policies, which have over the years contributed to the sufferings and problems of many Arab countries. In order to develop a long term plan for peace, the elements which fuel hate, must be addressed. Societies need to examine their actions and look at how they affect the other members of our expanding global community. To have sustained peace, governments must put the needs of the citizens of the world and the environment ahead of corporate and nationalistic interests.

The rally on November 17, brought all of these issues to the forefront. The participants gave a tremendous show of support for peace and modified actions in dealing with world terrorism. It is their hope that our governments and society will heed this call for peace.

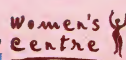
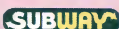


lence be the solution to another act of violence? These are questions which plague many people, and on Saturday November 17, 2001, hundreds of Canadians gathered outside Queen's Park to demonstrate their opposition to the war on Afghanistan and called for peace. The event which was organized by the Toronto September 11 Peace Coalition, was attended by many,

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Dear dialog,

I would like to congratulate the Student Association for the recent program of Queer Nights. As a student who identifies as a member of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community, it brings a smile to my face every time I see the posters. It's great that my student government is organizing an event that represents me. Especially when I usually experience events that are mainly oriented to straight people, and where I sometimes feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

It would be great if the dialog could cover these nights some more to give them extra publicity and advertising and maybe get some more people out to enjoy them. Every one I've attended has been a lot of fun with great music and food. The staff are friendly and welcoming, and the other students are very nice.

Please send a reporter to one of these events. You might want to be careful about people's privacy, but we need to see more representation of different communities in the newspaper. Thank you.

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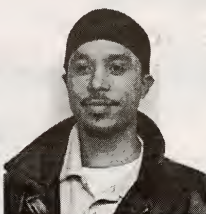
Greetings from your new SA V-P

By Bruce Kirkpatrick,
V-P Casa Loma campus

Hello Folks! You may have seen me around Casa Loma, either surveying you for the Dialog or coaxing you to attend a T.S.R.C. meeting. I know I have talked with some of our students and enjoyed the grand opening of City. You might have caught me in the intramurals or maybe you saw me at the Accessibility event sinking baskets (skills). I hope you have been enjoying your school year thus far. Our Student Association certainly has done a good job in ensuring a healthy student life for us all with many successful events. Believe me, there is much more in store and I expect to see you all at our upcoming events. This year will be a year with much involvement by Casa Loma students. It is important that we attend the George Brown Annual General Meeting on the 27th of November, and there will be shuttle buses leaving Casa Loma to take us there and back. I also encourage everyone to participate with the Dialog. We have meetings every

other week here at Casa Loma in the LifeWorks Center. Contact me for specifics! If anyone has any concerns, questions or ideas, please feel free to stop by the Student Association office here or you can contact me by phone or E-mail! I expect to hear from you!

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and you can't watch those damn shows
there must be more somewhere
from there where will we go

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'till God

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Canadian Women: Poverty, The Silent Killer

by Cecily Burnett

Women around the world are suffering the most debilitating disease known to humanity. Its symptoms include anaemia, malnutrition, severe fatigue, increased susceptibilities of infections and premature death. This disease is transferred from mother to child with staggeringly higher transmission rates than men. The disease is poverty.

The feminization of poverty is not a new concept. It has been around since the 1970's. It describes a situation where the number of women in poverty is increasing at a more rapid rate than men. It also implies that the majority of poor people are female. Although there has not been much attention given to the subject, women remain among the poorest of the poor in Canada. Over the past two decades women living in poverty has increased rapidly. Currently in Canada, almost 19% of adult women are poor. This is the highest rate of women's poverty in two decades. (Townson, 2000, pg. 1)

The two groups that suffer the impact of poverty most are single mothers and elderly women. The causes of the feminization of poverty have many factors. Perhaps the most significant contributor of poverty to women is gender inequality, at work and at home. Women have always been paid significantly lower wages than men for the same level of work in the labour market for e.g., the banking industry, and in education. Their traditional duties as wives, nurturers and caregivers are sorely undervalued. It is a constant struggle for women to achieve success in this area, because of society's mixed messages. On one hand women are told that their hus-

bands will provide for them, but secondly women are encouraged to be financially independent, and not to depend on their husbands for support. A consequence of this action results in women being punished as they age, because if their spouse dies, they are forced to rely on the government for financial support. (Evans, 1991, pg. 170)

A report by the Royal Commission indicated that about half of all women age 65 or older who were on their own in 1967 were in

lions of women, children and men that received financial assistance during the 90's have suffered greatly at the hands of the Provincial, Federal and territorial governments, and that "squeezing the dollars out of the poorest of the poor is a record that can only be described as shameful". (Townson, 2000, pg. 3)

Human Resources Development Canada is developing a needs based measure of poverty called the Market Basket Measure which the Government claims will reduce poverty. On the other hand choosing this method to eliminate poverty takes the responsibility off the Federal government to provide support to those living in poverty. Furthermore, this implies that social policy makers should not be concerned about any low-income single mothers and their children. (Townson, 2000, pg. 3)

Poverty has a major impact on women's health. No doubt, individuals in lower social economic groups experience poorer health and die earlier than those in higher economic groups because they cannot afford proper health care assistance. (Townson, 2000, pg. 5) Talking to women who frequent the Women's Centre, one student summed it up by saying, "Poverty affects you because you do not have enough money; you cannot get a proper education and a well balanced meal. My mother raised 10 children all by herself. Although we were poor, we did not starve. Poverty affected us because our mother could not afford the basic necessities of life. We could not have the things we wanted such as a new pair of shoes".

Canada now stands at number 5 in the world. Up to the year 2000, politicians continued to boast that the United Nations rated

Canada as one of the best countries in the world in which to live, but how can we be considered one of the best if we continue to ignore the silent cry of those in need? This is a clear indication that if we want to eradicate poverty, the issue of Women's inequality must be addressed.

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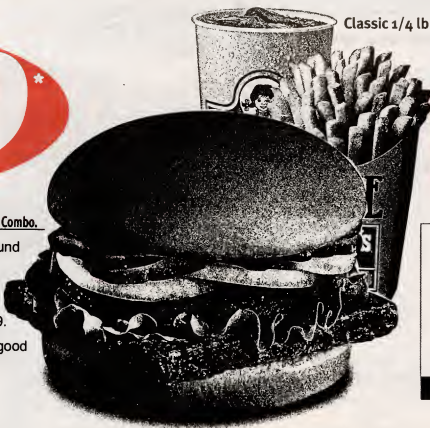
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MONEY MATTERS

Things a financial advisor won't tell you

by Ashley R. Atkins

Here I am, sitting in front of my computer beginning to write my thoughtful-thought (huh?) of the week about money. But see, I don't envision anything coming into print anytime throughout this article about money. Neither do I see \$5 this or % that. Or "How I can SAVE you money" either. What I actually see coming through my fingers onto this screen is a feeling, a

lack and a depressed emotional state. I see this weeks article talking about money applied in a manipulative, unwanted, undesirable and depressing way by us people here, there and everywhere around the world-except those who have no money!

There is an epidemic running wild throughout this world of ours. Its plainly named: Greed. Go ahead and check the word up in the dictionary, but in the mean time let me give you my definition: A need, or craving, or filthy desire to steal and capture those objects, those animals or those properties from your kind, considerate and well-mannered neighbour. Do you get it, greed is what's violently

tearing our beautiful and multi-dimensional world apart. No more do you hear of the human species discovering new lands, no more do you hear about scientists coming together to fight AIDS or cancer for the people who suffer-not for the PROFITS. No more is music or sports about lyrics and achievement. Boys and Girls, we are all victims and criminals. And here is why I think this way.

To begin, why do we feel the need for flashy BMW's and Mercedes? Sure, they are flippin' hot, but do we need to race them down Yonge Street at age 20? About those Tommy jeans, and those Nike shoes, and I can't forget about the Armani shirt. Damn, that's hot. But why? I mean, buy some clothing, make it match, pay the cashier and leave. Why does it have to be about BIG name clothing, or fast cars, or expensive drinks at the docks? Can't it be about having fun with friends, lookin' good, and getting from destination A to destination B without having to WALK (as if!). Once again, boys and girls, you are who you are because of what's on the inside, not

what the CK shirt says in its design. And talking about design, who ever designed this idea that we must all graduate from college, find a job and move out of the house (which ever comes first!), make a lot of money, have a marriage and kids,



and retire, yadaa yadaa yadaa. Why is life always in that order? Why in the heck does an order exist anyway? I should very well think or hope that most of you out there don't follow that path. I suggest you do what ever

you want. Work, graduate, travel, work, travel again, get married, travel again, you get the hint. Like I mentioned briefly last week, life isn't only about money. And with that said, as much as its important to save some money for future plans, there really is no need to flout and spend your money with out consideration for the people who have ZERO!

Money, in the end my friends, is something that you and I will never ever escape from. And ya know what, that's ok. But I think we as members of human kind (believe it or not we are all alike) must come together and quit this "Me Me" bullshit once and for all. Lets give more, live more, and for the most part, party some more. See your friends of years gone by, travel somewhere wacky and wild, meet the love of your life, even work if that's what makes you happy. But the only way we will get there is to share our wealth, our wisdom and our land, but most importantly, our time. In the end, we will all be millionaires in our life experiences!

Next Article: Reviewing the basics of saving (they, money is almost my life! See ya!)



Gambling: Problem or Hobby?

by David Son

Gambling, the word itself conjures images of down and out pariahs, gambling away their cars, homes, wives and even children. Some vilify it further, saying it is a disease, an addiction that's had to be solved through extensive therapy.

Not many see an upside to it and cannot condone it as a simple pastime for those who participate. Those that do participate do not see it as a huge problem; rather they view it as a source of entertainment. Within the student body at George Brown there seems to be a fair share of "gamblers". Many participate in weekly poker nights, and substantial

fragments of the student body attend casinos as a weekend outing. The odd dollar that finds its way from the student to the lottery terminals proves that many participate in



Canada's favorite pastime. Everyone seems to be in on the "action".

The flip side of the detractor's mentality is that gambling is a harmless vehicle for fun. Some describe gambling as an exercise in risk man-

agement, others view it as an exciting metaphor of life, having ups and downs in an instant.

Gambling seems to be having a resurgence in Ontario. From the variety of scratch tickets, lotto's, casinos and horseracing, even internet sites and the ever popular sports gaming, proves that there is a large market of gamblers that has been targeted and even more left to be tapped. Who knows what else might pop up, odds makers tend to put odds every single event. 10-1 odds that no one reads this article.

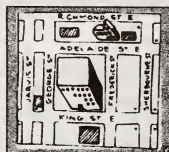
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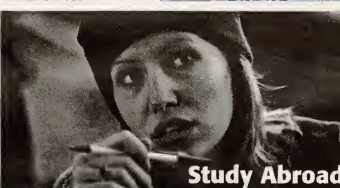
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COMMENTARY

My Mother Used to Cook for ME

by Nancy Lim

In commemoration of the positive females in our lives, an event known as "My Mother Used to Cook for Me" has been scheduled for December 6 from 6pm to 8pm at Nightingale Campus. Organized by Jacqueline Severs from Life Works, people are encouraged to bring a favourite dish that a female loved one used to cook, as well as its recipe. In addition, there will be an

opportunity to share stories about the women who have been influential in our lives.

This gathering serves as a tribute to women, which coincides with the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. There will be sign-ups at the Life Works Centre at St. James Campus, Casa Loma Campus, and the Student Association office at Nightingale Campus.



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Seasons Greetings!! This is a time for much celebration and festivities. Sadly, there are a number of people in our community which are not able to celebrate as we do. They may not have any people who are close to them, or they may not have any money or even a home. We can do something to help warm some hearts this season, either directly or indirectly. There are a number of organizations and events where we can volunteer and truly help. I have here a list with contacts and you can look on the Toronto Volunteer Center's web sight for weekly updates. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday!



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by Nancy Lim

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December 8

In some Buddhist traditions, Bodhi Day is celebrated. This festival commemorates the enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama, Buddhism's founder, after meditating under a bodhi (fig) tree. On this day, in 6th Century BCE, Gautama realized the Four Noble Truths, which are the religion's central beliefs. There are also a number of customs practiced in celebration of Bodhi Day. For instance, homes are often adorned with strings of bright lights, candles are lit, and potted bodhi trees are bought and decorated with beads. As well, some Buddhists enjoy a breakfast of milk and rice to begin the day, for this reflects what Gautama had eaten to regain his strength to be enlightened.



Bodhi Day

December 23

Festivus is the holiday for those who are opposed to the commercialization of Christmas. It is a festival for the people of the *Seinfeld* religion, devotees of the syndicated sitcom starring Jerry

Seinfeld. **Festivus was founded by Frank Costanza, George's father, who had a horrible encounter while shopping for a Christmas gift for his son.** When he reached for the last

doll in the store, another man tried to grab it away from him, and a fight ensued. Frank realized then that "there had to be another way," and thus Festivus was born.

Like all other winter festivals, Festivus has a few traditions. First of all there is the *pole*, which must be tall, skinny, and aluminum. It should also have a high strength-to-weight ratio, and not be decorated with tinsel and other adornments, for these can be too distracting. Lastly, the *airing of grievances* is an annual practice, which extends to the last few weeks of December. Family members can reveal the ways that they have disappointed one another over the past year, and generally have an enlightening experience.

December 26 to January 1

Kwanzaa is a holiday that honours the African-American culture. Founded by Dr. Maulana Karenga in the

United States during 1966, this joyous occasion allows people of black heritage to celebrate their history and traditions. Moreover, it is a time to be thankful for the love of family and friends, as well as the blessings of life. Being a week in length, each day represents one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa known as the *Nguzo Saba*. This consists of unity (*Umoja*), self-determination (*Kujichagulia*), collective work and responsibility (*Ujima*), cooperative economics (*Ujamaa*), purpose (*Nia*), creativity (*Kuumba*), and faith (*Imani*). Furthermore, there are several important symbols of Kwanzaa, each representing an important concept of African culture. The *Mkeka*, a mat made of straw, signifies foundation. As well, the *Mshumaa* are seven candles that each represent the principles of Kwanzaa, and these candles are placed into a candleholder called the *Kinara*. The ear of corn known as *Muhindi* is also a significant representation. It symbolizes children, who have the potential to produce more offspring in the future as a part of an endless cycle of life. Lastly, gifts are customarily exchanged, and a grand feast is usually held on December 31. It is a festive occasion that brings the African-American community together for a night of fun filled with music, dancing, and laughter.



Kwanzaa

CELEBRATIONS

December 25 (Christian), January 6 (Eastern Orthodox)

Christmas is the annual Christian holiday for the birth of Jesus Christ. While most people of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faith celebrate on December 25, members of the Eastern Orthodox Church have their religious festivities on January 6. This is when they celebrate Epiphany, which honours the baptism of Christ as well as the arrival of the Three Wise Men (Magi) in Bethlehem (near Jerusalem, Israel), where they presented the newly-born Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrror. Although the Gospels of Matthew and Luke include no mention of a particular date, this is why some Christians celebrate Christmas on January 6. However, the Roman Catholic Church in order to give Christian significance to the existing Eastern Orthodox Church chose a different date. The Eastern Church began to celebrate Christmas on January 6, but also gave greater emphasis to the birth of Jesus on January 6.

Moreover, Christmas is a joyous year for many people who celebrate the festivities. There are several

traditions associated with Christmas, in which presents are exchanged between family members. The Christ Child is depicted as an elderly, bearded man in red, and the Three Kings are depicted in gold, silver, and blue. In addition, people gather on Christmas Eve for a special service. Often times there is roasted meat, eggnog, and the decorating of the Christmas tree. Additionally, the Christmas tree is traditionally adorned with tinsel, ornaments, and lights. The Christmas story is placed atop, which symbolizes the one that led to the birth of Jesus who was born.

Christmas

November 17 to December 16

During the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Ramadan is a month-long fast in which Muslims abstain from all food and drink until dusk. Moreover, families awake before the

fast, and also have light meal after the sun sets called *Iftar*.

Fasting is an important duty for Muslims, for it is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which are the religion's central practices. By refraining from food, Muslims develop a sense of obedience to and reliance on Allah (God). As well, Ramadan focuses on charity to the needy, for the hunger pains serve as reminders of the suffering of the poor.

Ramadan is also a time of prayer. Muslims meditate on passages from the Qur'an, the sacred book of Islam. Indeed, this most holy month is a time of spiritual growth, as well as one in which families gather together in the

Ramadan

December 17

The fasting of Ramadan comes to a close with the festival of Eid al-Fitr.

This 'Festival of Breaking the Fast' is a time in which families come together to celebrate. Muslims dress in fine clothing, decorate their homes with lights and ornaments, and exchange gifts with one another.

Eid al-Fitr

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November 14

Diwali is the Festival of Lights celebrated by Hindus each year. It is a joyous time to honour Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune, who brings health, wisdom, and peace to her devotees.

In addition, Hindus often light candles and lamps, as well as cleanse their homes and themselves to pay tribute to her. Furthermore, Diwali represents the triumph of light over darkness, or good over evil. Since light is linked with warmth, the sun, and the divine, it is believed that during this day Lakshmi dwells in the flame of the *deyas* (clay lamps). This makes the traditional lighting of candles and lamps even more important.

All in all, Diwali is a time in which family ties are strengthened, for many people gather to exchange gifts and to participate in extravagant meals in celebration. There is a sense of spirituality and brotherhood, for the commemoration of the mother goddess is a joyous festival of Hinduism.



Diwali

December 10 to December 17

Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration that honours the restoration of the holy Temple in Jerusalem in 168 BCE. After the Hebrews' victory over the Syrians, whose king had oppressed the Jews, the Temple was rededicated to God with festivities that lasted for eight consecutive days. According to legend, the Hebrews were to light their lamps in celebration, yet they only had enough oil to last for

one day. However, the oil miracu-

lously lasted for eight days and nights. Thus, it has become a Jewish tradition to light the 'menorah', an eight-branched candelabrum, on each evening of Hanukkah to commemorate this event.

Traditionally, on the first night of the Jewish festival, only one candle is lit on the right side of the menorah. Each evening, another candle is added while a blessing is given and observed by family and friends, who are all encouraged to participate in the ceremony. Besides the nightly lighting of the menorah, people gather to feast on delicious foods, such as *latkes* (potato pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (doughnuts). Children often receive *gelt*, which literally means money, yet is manifested in modern savings bonds, cheques, and foil-wrapped chocolate coins. As well, the spinning of the *dreidel*, a four-sided labelled top, is a traditional form of entertainment. This game of chance allows people to win a certain amount of coins or candies, as indicated by the Hebrew letter on the side of the dreidel that lands facing upwards. All in all, these are some of the important familial customs that make Hanukkah such a joyous occasion.

Hanukkah



December 21

Yule celebrates the rebirth of the Sun and light. Also known as Winter Solstice, this night is the longest of the year,

as well as the beginning of winter. In addition, Yule is a time to reflect on past experiences and celebrate with family and friends. Moreover, several Christmas traditions originated from pagan Yule celebrations. For instance, an evergreen tree is often brought into pagan homes, where the wood spirits would be kept warm during winter. This tree is hung with tasty candies, which are for the spirits to eat, as well as bells and other adornments. There are also several other traditions that add to the Yule celebration. Mistletoe is often placed in doorways or around the fire, for it is a plant that grows from the Druids' sacred oak tree and serves as protection against thunder, lightning and other evil. As well, a special log, known as the *yule log*, is lit and kept in the house throughout

Yule

the year to protect the home from sickness or misfortune. There are also many customary activities, such as the exchanging of gifts, story-telling, crafting wreaths, and preparing grand feasts, which often includes turkey, wine, dried fruit, and eggnog.



Game Console Heaven

by: Sean Carson

With the game console market booming recently, you're probably asking yourself which system you'd like to buy. Well, I took all the time I needed, to vigorously test each game console to help you figure out which system is best. Doing this was such a struggle since I just had to really push myself into all those electronic stores. Anyway, after all my efforts, I realized that personally I would pick the Sony Playstation 2 for the quality, reliability and compatibility. I have to admit that the Microsoft XBOX and Nintendo GAMECUBE are close to comparable to the Sony Playstation 2.

Nintendo GAMECUBE

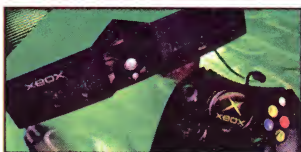
Well, I just want to say it's about time Nintendo realized that those damn cartridge games weren't going anywhere! They may be fast, but as for space and quality, they were inferior. What would you rather do, carry 20 cartridge games or 20 CD/DVD games? So congrats and thank you to those at Nintendo responsible for the change in the media! After that being said, I like the graphics of this system. They are completely astounding. Although, the game line up is something to be improved.

Granted, there are some ok games, but I think it's time that they stop remaking those old games. Even though you've renamed them, we all still know they're the same, with just enhanced graphics. Stop it! Plus most of the games are only made with select games in mind. This could be why your system isn't going to be very popular. I just hope Nintendo get the hint. They are an amazing company, and I hope that they do better in the future. But they'll just have to listen to their customers. The size of this system is something to be happy about. No more need to throw out anything, or store stuff in your attic to use this system. It's very small size makes it fit almost anywhere. That's one thing done right! Over all, it's a good system, for a decent price. You can't go wrong with this console, unless you like more choice in games and compatibility. It would have been nice to be able to play older system games in this new console. Oh well!

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Microsoft XBOX

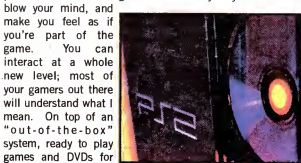
Now, my opinion of the XBOX originally was biased because of my strong belief that Microsoft could make nothing good. I have a very jaded mind towards any Microsoft product. This system, however, might be an example of something they have made that's reliable, or will it crash after your first four hours of play? I'm voting on it crashing. On top of that note, doesn't it look like a BIG heat sink inside your computer? Actually, it looks like a really BIG amplifier for your car stereo. I don't know about their choice in design or size. It's the biggest console on the market. I think it's actually close to the Atari system I have sitting downstairs. Can you believe it? The graphics on this system aren't bad at all, but the fact is that my home PC has better graphics quality. And my video card is only the GeForce2 MX. Well that tells you what they know about gaming. This is one thing that scares me about Microsoft entering the gaming console industry. Do they really know how to make a good system? To



my knowledge and personal thoughts, they have never created a reliable game, or for that matter, a game that was good for the home computer. Anyway, I personally don't endorse this system. It hasn't proved to be anything spectacular. Sorry Bill Gates, but you just can't touch or own this market!

Playstation 2

Don't let the fact that the Sony Playstation 2 has been out for a year now fool you. For year old technology, surprisingly enough, it's an amazing system. And with the fact that all the old Playstation equipment and games work with the new system, how can you go wrong? I can't really tell you how great it is to have a DVD player in your game console now, because both of the other consoles have them. And most people have DVD players on their TVs at home. The realism put behind all the new games for the Sony Playstation 2 will blow your mind, and make you feel as if you're part of the game. You can interact at a whole new level, most of your gamers out there will understand what I mean. On top of an "out-of-the-box" system, ready to play games and DVDs for only \$499.99 (plus applicable taxes), you can also buy multiple add-ons to make your experience of this console more enjoyable. Sony has done an amazing job once again, and I think that this system will become the number one system once again. After all, Sony created the generation of CD/DVD gaming consoles. Who better to trust than the company with the years of



experience of this console more enjoyable. Sony has done an amazing job once again, and I think that this system will become the number one system once again. After all, Sony created the generation of CD/DVD gaming consoles. Who better to trust than the company with the years of

knowledge? So hurry up, if you think this system is for you, go out there and buy it. Or hey, the holidays are coming up. Add it to your list. I did! X

Sega/Sony Dreamcast

This system may have no more support, but for only \$149.99 (plus applicable taxes), how can you say no? I didn't have to go far to try out this system, since I friend of mine owns it. I can tell you that the graphics are superb, and the game play is something I couldn't figure out how I can ever do without it. Plus, there are still many games available on the market, and Sega is still producing games to this day. I can't really say much more about this system, but WOW! I might go and get one for myself after the holidays. It's something that's amazing. Not that I have personally tried, but I've heard that it plays burned games without any sort of MOD chip or CD! What more could you ask for? Go out there and buy one, now!

Well, a quick conclusion to this would be for you to rush out and buy yourself a Playstation 2 or a Dreamcast. Hey, even better, go out and buy a Playstation 2 and Dreamcast for each TV in your house. That way you'll never have to stop playing, except for when you go to work and school. But hey, maybe you'll just have to find a way to make it portable. I know I will! X

One quick note that a friend of mine brought to my attention about the XBOX, just like every other Microsoft product, it's only good to hack!

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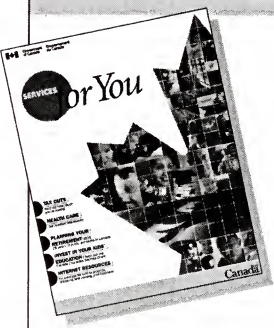
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Movie Rental Review

by Sean Carson

Toys C1992
Twentieth Century Fox
Directed by: Barry Levinson
Starring: Robin Williams, Michael Gambon, Joan Cusack, Robin Wright and LL Cool J

Leslie Zevo (Robin Williams) loves his job of designing, testing and playing with toys at his father's toy factory. Leslie and his father are alike, bringing happiness to everyone. Once Leslie's uncle (Michael Gambon) brings to run the company after his father's death, the wonderful world of Zevo Toys changes over night. Soon after his uncle enlists his commando son (LL Cool J) to begin the process of building miniature army toys controlled by youngsters. Leslie must get the help of his sister (Joan Cusack) and his new girlfriend (Robin Wright), in finding a way for him to grow up without losing his playful spirit!

I found that this movie is full of emotion. There is not one moment when it doesn't touch your heart, or your soul. The playfulness of



the story also makes you think of your childhood. I love watching this movie, because it reminds me how we all forget that our childhood was something we have grown from, but it doesn't mean that we'll need to completely forget how to have fun. Take some time this holiday season and rent this movie. It'll be something that you'll never forget. You'll love every moment.

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Holiday Attractions in T.O.

Edited by Joshua W. Li

What a blessing living in Toronto, a metro-city that never sleeps! Even the "Arctic" winter can never reduce the colorfulness of year-round attractions in Toronto. No exceptions this winter 2001.

Toronto's 96th Annual Santa Claus Parade (on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1:00 pm at Christie Pits Park)

You can always count on Santa to make his grand entrance every year, on the third Sunday of November. While the retail industry brings adorning consumers with seasonal goods before Halloween can say, "Boo," it's nice to know Santa adheres to tradition. Kids who have waited anxiously to see Santa Claus will finally get their fill of festive fun and excitement at Toronto's 96th Santa Claus Parade.

The 5.7km parade will start at the corner of Bloor and Christie Streets, and then head east along Bloor to University Avenue. From there, the party will roll south to Queen Street and turn left to get to Yonge Street. The parade will finish at the Flat Iron Building at Front and Church Street. It will take at least an hour for all the colorful floats, festive clowns, playful elves and marching bands to pass by before Santa arrives. This 2001 parade will feature spectacular floats, costumed children, marchers, and music bands. Bring a thermos of hot chocolate and a camera to this once-a-year thrilling event.

For recorded information call (416) 599-9090, press the pound (#) key and enter extension 500.

Family Sundays at the AGO (317 Dundas St. W. Toronto, ON)

There is something new to discover every week, including a variety of creative workshops and adventures to hear about in their storytelling sessions.

The Art Gallery of Ontario dares you to not have any fun at Family Sundays. There is something new to discover every week, including a variety of creative workshops and adventures to hear about in their storytelling sessions.

Included in the fun is Off the Wall, a creative play on the arts where kids can dress up like a painting, build outrageous sculptures, play games and even take an imaginary sketching trip into Algonquin Park. The Preschool Studio is presented by the students and faculty of the Canadian Mothercraft Society and features art projects especially designed for preschoolers and parents to enjoy. Family Sundays also includes Family Studio, where everyone can relax and unwind together while painting, printing, making collages and sculpting in wood, wire and clay. For more information call (416) 979-6648.

Reel Asian International Film Fest

Promoting the diversity of Asian cinematic culture, the 5th annual event is the largest of its kind in Canada. Now into its fifth year, the Reel Asian film festival rolls into town for 10 days of features, shorts, documen-

taries and experimental what-not celebrating the diversity of Asian Cinematic Culture. Directors from across Canada and the Pacific rim will be featured.

The festival gets rolling on Thursday at the Varsity with the Opening Gala, featuring the movie Toronto premiere of Green Dragon, a tale about the turmoil and obstacles facing the refugees of post-war Vietnam. Screenings take place at the following venues: the Varsity, Innis Town Hall, The Royal and the ROM Theatre.

Prices:
Festival pass: \$40
Book of 5: \$25
General Admission: \$8 (available at box office 1/2 hour prior to screening)
Opening Gala: \$12.50
Festival Office — 80 Spadina Ave (10am - 4 pm)

CHUM/City Christmas Wish Family Skating Party (Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay W., Toronto, ON. 9:00 am-12:00 pm Saturday, Dec. 8)

Bring an unwrapped toy or cash for the Chum/City Christmas Wish. Join radio hosts Roger, Rick and Marilyn at the Natrel Skating Rink for this important fundraiser on ice. Bring an unwrapped toy or cash to help make a child's Christmas brighter. For more information call (416) 973-3000.

Edge102 Electric Christmas: Headstones (Kool haus: 132 Queens Quay E., Toronto, ON. 4:00 pm Wednesday, Dec. 12)

Edge102 kicks off the holidays with a performance from the Headstones. The Headstones take listeners on an explosive journey filled with heavy riffs and sarcastic lyrics. Over the last decade, the Toronto foursome have gone from playing small bars to rocking arenas across North America.

Along the way, they have released four highly successful albums: Picture of Health (1993), Teeth & Tissue, (1995), Smile & Wave (1997) and most recently, Nickel for your Nightmares. Their latest tour picks up where they left off with hard-core, full-on authentic rock guaranteed to leave you breathless and screaming for more. Shocore and Robin Black and the Inter Galactic Rockstars open up the show.

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Update of Events

MEN'S BASKETBALL -Staying strong!

The Men's Varsity Basketball Team currently hold a 2-1 record after the first two weeks of regular season play. In the season opener, your Huskies defeated the Centennial Colts 70-57; and then faced a tough Sheridan Bruins Team, suffering a loss of 69-59. We then bounced back defeating a well-balanced Seneca Sting Team by a score of 86-71.

Our Huskies continue to look strong with the excellent shooting of Wilton Edwards and Omar Omar, and the drive and slash plays of energetic co-captain Dion Horsford. This year's first year players continue to provide excellent play on both ends of the floor. Continue to play hard Huskies!

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - Continue to work hard!

Although our Lady Huskies started their regular season play with an 0-2 record, they continue to work hard. Our Ladies faced tough losses to Loyalist 69-54 and Seneca 70-45.

As the season progresses our Ladies continue to show team spirit and unity. The Ladies will take their positive attitude and compete in the Durham College Tournament on Friday and Saturday November 16th & 17th. Good luck Ladies and have fun!

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL -Spiking their way through!

The Men's Volleyball team continue their excellent play and look stronger and stronger each game. The Huskies continued their play

the Rams by a score of 3-1. Under the leadership of coach Sonia Sousa, the Huskies showed unity and played with great intensity all night. Keep up the good work Huskies!

**MEN'S EXTRAMURAL BASKETBALL -Champions!**

in exhibition action against University of Toronto and Sir Sanford Fleming. We defeated U of T by a score of 3-1, and Sir Sanford Fleming by a score of 3-0. Keep on spiking Huskies!

On Saturday, November 10/01, George Brown College hosted a Men's Extramural Basketball Tournament. Your Huskies were one of the more exciting teams to watch, displaying their athleticism, teamwork and execution on both ends of the floor.

WOMEN'S INDOOR SOCCER - Off on the right foot!

The Women's Indoor Soccer Team played an exhibition game against The Ryerson Rams on Thursday, November 15/01. This young Huskies team came out pumped and enthused defeating

In their first match, the Huskies tied a tough Sheridan Team then defeated a weaker Seneca Team by a score of 43-13. We were then confronted by a must win situation, facing a well-rounded U of T Team.

As a result, your Huskies defeated U of T 29-25 to move on to the semi finals. At this point it seems as though nothing could stop you Huskies. We defeated an athletic Humber team by a score of 35-24. In an exciting final match that went into overtime, your Huskies displayed perseverance, determination and teamwork. We defeated a balanced Centennial Team by a score of 35-34. Special thanks to all the players that participated, and you were excellent representatives of George Brown College. Congrats and a job well done team!

GBC DANZ TEAM -Fired up!

The Danz Team displayed their talent on Wednesday, Nov 14/01 at the Women's and Men's Basketball Game. All of the performers were not present, but those that performed were exciting, energized and fun to watch. Be sure to cheer on your Huskies-with the Danz Team! Keep up the hard work team!

VARSITY NITE -Lots of fun!

Our Varsity Representatives devoted a great amount of time and effort to make Wednesday, November 14/01 a night of fun. As a result, our fans and athletes appreciated all of the interesting activities and school spirit that were present on this night and would love to engage in a night like this again.

The theme of the nite was "Blue and White", allowing all fans who appeared in blue and white attire to enter the game free. Those fans that were dressed otherwise, donated a canned-food item or paid a dollar for admission.

Throughout the night, our famous Husky Mascot and our exciting Danz Team entertained our fans. In addition, at the half of each game, some of our fans were given a chance to win a prize by sinking a free throw. There were also lots of giveaway prizes and draw prizes for everyone.

There will be more Varsity Nites and we hope to see you there. A job well done Team!

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Sports Announcement

Interested in Women's Volleyball??

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Women's Indoor Soccer??

Coach Sonia is practicing with all interested parties on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Casa Loma gymnasium. Come on out and play!!

Men's Indoor Soccer??

Take advantage of a chance to have fun and compete against your college peers. Pay attention to tournament dates and registration deadlines for all upcoming events and activities. If you have any suggestions about activities that you would like to participate in, please contact the Athletic Staff.

Tennis Lessons??

Lessons have started and will be held on Tuesday & Thursdays @ St. James from 4-5 p.m.

Intramurals??

Upcoming Varsity Home Games??

Women's Basketball - *GBC vs. Algonquin

Report From the Board

by Jansen Ng

A lot of changes have occurred in the last month. The Student Association Board of Directors officially ratified me as the First Year Representative Director for our St. James Campus. Also ratified were Community Services Rep. Jean-Paul Brown, Life Works Rep. Ian Gavel, and the other representatives as announced unofficially by The Dialog.

The new Ambassador program was also brought up. It is a flexible and dynamic program that will enhance our prestige both inside and outside the College. A funding commitment was made by the Board and the College.

At the same meeting, one of my objectives was accomplished with the creation of the Elections Committee to deal with problems we had in the last By-Election. As many of you know, a lot of students were confused about which positions they were eligible to vote for and as such many students who were eligible to vote were unable to do so.

At the first meeting of the Elections Committee, I accepted the position of Chair. Together with Executive Director Wayne Poirier, Chief Returning Officer Shelley Edwards, Deputy Returning Officer Shani Campbell, Life Works Rep. Ian Gavel, and student representative Heather Hogben, I believe we will be able to draft new procedures that will result in greater student participation and ease of voting.

I am currently assisting Community Services Representative Jean-Paul Brown in creating a new Community Services Student Representative Council. This will enable C.S. students to organize and coordinate their own events, appoint a member to the Student Association Board of Directors, and establish an Executive

Committee to handle C.S. issues.

I am working closer with clubs and associations. I have met with a few Student Representative Councils (SRCs). I plan to attend all such future meetings with MOSAIC, the American Sign Language Club, the GBC Marketing Association, Human Resources Club, and Anime-Vortex. If you would like to know more, I have listed their extensions at the bottom. If you are interested in starting up a club, please call me.

On October 29th, I attended the President's Forum. George Brown College President Frank Soroichinsky and Student Association President Kevin King outlined plans for the College's future through 2003 and beyond. We answered many of the students' questions and addressed many of their concerns. We hope to be able to hold a bigger and better Forum next semester.

On November 7th, I assisted during the Student Association's Accessibility and Awareness Silver Event at Casa Loma. Newly appointed Vice-President Bruce Kilpatrick handled his first event very well, including a perfect shot during the wheelchair basketball game (See the article in this issue).

I attended an excellent Business Student's Association event on November 14th. "Business After 5" was intended to provide a forum for business students to speak with industry veterans in an informal setting. It was an overwhelming success. There will be another such event in February.

On November 19th, I had the honour of hearing George Smitherman, M.P.P. Toronto Centre-Rosedale, speak with a Community Services class on the efforts he was making for his constituents. He spoke about the need for grassroots empowerment and how the Liberals plan

to shift spending from corporate tax cuts to fund educational subsidies to students. I learned much from his speech and spoke with him on several community issues.

I would like to invite all of you to the Student Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, November 27th being held in the Student Lounge at 2:00 P.M. This will be your opportunity to speak to the entire board at the same time on the issues you feel are most important to the school. We need your voice to support our initiatives, such as lower tuition.

Refreshments will be served.

I would also like to invite you all to the MOSAIC AGM on Wednesday, November 28th at 12:00 in the Student Lounge. You will have the opportunity to speak with their executive.

Complimentary pizza will be served.

Feel free to drop by the Student Association Office (rm. 147) and meet with me. If I am not available, please either leave a message with the assistants or in my voicemail at (416) 415-2900 x89479. You may also use that number to set appointments to meet with me.

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Show someone how trivial you really are...

By Penelope Hyde-Smyth

Many students traditionally exchange gifts during the holiday season. Sometimes these gift opportunities are taken to the extreme. At stupid.com you can find an amazing array of presents which you would definitely rather give than receive. Take the musical blender...please. My blender is so loud, I can't even hear myself think. While you prepare your mayo or grind your nuts, you can listen to your favourite tune.

How about a billboard Frisbee? Throw this plastic disc around from dawn to dusk and everyone will be able to read the message transmitted in light beams from the side.

Everyone at the Collective was impressed by the backwards glasses. If you ever have wanted to see where you've been or for that matter, to walk backwards, then this item is for you.

When I opened my Mastercard bill the other day, I was surprised to see a flyer for a Coleman lamp TV. Of all the useless gifts, imagine being chased up a tree by a bear and keeping up with the CFL game at the same time.



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